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SUMMARY. SECTION SIX OF EIGHT OF OUR REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE CYPOL COVERING REPORT ON THE DAVIES INVESTIGATION COVERS THE EVIDENCE AGAINST LEFTIS AND SAAVA. STYLIANOU (SOTIRIOU) SAW LEFTIS AND SAVVA ARMED, WITH KTIMATIAS, AND IN THE BUILDING FROM WHICH THE FATAL SHOTS CAME. TWO OTHER WITNESSES SAW LEFTIS IN THE EMBASSY AREA, ONE OF WHOM SAW HIM WATCHING THE FATALLY WOUNDED AMBASSADOR BEING MOVED FROM THE EMBASSY. LEFTIS' ALIBI WAS THOROUGHLY REFUTED. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN SECTION SIX - EVIDENCE AGAINST LEFTIS:

WITNESS NO. 20. - ACT. INSPECTOR AVGOUSTIS EFSTATHIOU
IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE WENT TO THE EMBASSY AT 0800 HOURS ON AUG. 19 WITH OTHER POLICE AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT THAT A DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE PLACE. AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS HE SAW A CROWD APPROACHING. IT FORCED THE MAIN ENTRANCE GATE, LOWERED AND BURNED THE FLAG, AND BURNED EMBASSY VEHICLES. HE KNOW NONE OF THE RIOTERS. HE HEARD MANY SHOTS, THEN A BURST OF AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE HEAVY
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FIRING LASTED 5-10 MINUTES. HE HEARD AN AMERICAN SHOUT, "HELP, MY AMBASSADOR IS WOUNDED". HE DROVE A LAND ROVER TO THE EMBASSY; WITH THE HELP OF AN AMERICAN HE PLACED THE AMBASSADOR IN IT, THEN TOOK HIM TO THE NEW NICOSIA CLINIC.

AS HE LEFT THE EMBASSY IN THE LAND ROVER WITH THE AMBASSADOR, HE SAW LEFTIS STANDING OPPOSITE THE MAIN

ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY. HE DOES NOT REMEMBER WHETHER LEFTIS WAS ARMED.

WITNESS NO. 21 - BRIG. GENERAL GEORGHIOS AZINAS, NATIONAL GUARD

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE WAS THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 3RD BATTALION REGIMENT. LEFTIS HAD BEEN KNOWN TO HIM FOR A LONG TIME. ON AUG. 15, 1974 LEFTIS VISITED AZINAS AND VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD. LEFTIS WAS ARMED WITH A SMALL AUTOMATIC WEAPON OF UNKNOWN TYPE. ON AUG. 19, AZINAS WAS ORDERED TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER AT THE EMBASSY. HE DID TAKE LEFTIS WITH HIM, DID NOT ORDER LEFTIS TO GO TO THE EMBASSY, AND DID NOT SEE LEFTIS THERE.

WITNESS NO. 22 - MAJOR KYRIACOS HANNIDES, COMMANDER OF MILITARY POLICE.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE SERVED UNDER AZINAS ON AUG. 19. HE KNOW LEFTIS. LEFTIS VISITED THE N.G. CAMP REGULARLY AND WAS A FRIEND OF GREEK MAJOR EFSTATHIOS SOULIS. ON AUG. 19 HE DOES NOT REMEMBER SEEING LEFTIS AT CAMP. HANNIDES DID NOT GO TO THE EMBASSY THAT DAY AND DID NOT KNOW IF LEFTIS WAS THERE.

WITNESS NO. 8 - ACT. POL. SGT. STELIOS STYLIANOU (FIRE BRIGADE)

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID THAT ON AUG. 19, AT ABOUT 1220 HOURS, HE SAW LEFTIS IN AN OPEN BUILDING SITE, OPPOSITE THE EMBASSY, WITH A KALASHNIKOV OR CZECH-TYPE AUTOMATIC WEAPON. LEFTIS WAS DRESSED IN GREEN MILITARY TROUSERS AND A NATIONAL GUARD LOK (PARACHUTIST) JACKET.

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HE SAW LEFTIS AND KTIMATIAS APPROACH A FIRE BRIGADE VEHICLE, WASH THE TEAR GAS FROM THEIR EYES, AND THEN ENTER THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE EASTERN MAIN ENTRANCE. SAVVA WAS WITH THEM. SOON AFTER, HE HEARD CONTINUOUS FIRING OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. HE NOTICED THE SHOTS WERE FROM THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND DIRECTED AGAINST THE EMBASSY. AFTER THREE OR FOUR MINUTES THE FIRING STOPPED. THEN HE SAW LEFTIS AND KTIMATIAS STANDING IN THE INNER SIDE OF THE SIXTH-FLOOR STAIRWELL WINDOW OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE COULD NOT SEE IF THEY WERE ARMED. SUBSEQUENTLY HE SAW LEFTIS, KTIMATIAS AND SAVVA COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND RUNNING. HE SAW LEFTIS GOING AWAY IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THE OPEN BUILDING SITE TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE EMBASSY.

WITNESS NO. 12 - CHRISTOFOROS LAMBRIANIDES OF STROVOLOS.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID THAT ON AUG. 19, 1974, AT ABOUT 1245 HOURS, WHEN THE FIRING WAS OVER

AND HE WAS LEAVING THE EMBASSY, HE SAW LEFTIS GOING
TOWARDS ARCH. MAKARIOS III AVENUE. LEFTIS WAS IN
CIVILIAN CLOTHES. HE COULD NOT SEE WHETHER LEFTIS WAS ARMED.

WITNESS NO. 23 - ACT. POL. SGT. 1818, CHRISTAKIS
KATSIKIDES OF CID.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE HAD SEARCHED
LEFTIS' HOUSE ON SEPT. 3, 1976, IN LEFTIS' PRESENCE.
HE FOUND A BAYONET AND A BELT WITH AN EMPTY REVOLVER
POUCH. HE TOOK A STATEMENT FROM LEFTIS THE SAME DAY.

WITNESS NO. 24 - ACT. POL. SGT. 3027, PANAYIOTIS
CHARALAMBOUS OF CID.

HE ASSISTED KATSIKIDES IN SEARCHING LEFTIS' HOUSE.

EVIDENCE AGAINST POLICE CONSTABLE 4086, LOIZOU SAVVA:

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WITNESS NO. 8 - ACT. POL. SGT. STELIOS STYLIANOU (FIRE BRIGADE)

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE SAW SAVVA AT THE
EMBASSY ON AUG. 19. SAVVA ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY AREA IN

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A POLICE LAND ROVER, DRESSED IN GREEN MILITARY CLOTHING
AND A POLICE CAP. HE CARRIED TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS:
A KALASHNIKOV AND A CZECH-TYPE. HE LEFT BOTH IN THE
LAND ROVER, IN WHICH THERE WAS ANOTHER PERSON UNKNOWN

TO WITNESS NO. 8. SAVVA WALKED ALONE TO THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION CARRYING ONLY A REVOLVER IN ITS CASE. SAVVA ENTERED THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE EASTERN MAIN DOOR WITH KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS. SOON AFTER, WITNESS NO. 8 HEARD THE CONTINUOUS FIRING OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND NOTICED THAT THE SHOTS WERE COMING FROM THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WERE DIRECTED AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE EMBASSY. WHEN THE FIRING WAS OVER, HE SAW THE THREE ACCUSED COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING. SAVVA PROCEEDED TO HIS LAND ROVER. WITNESS NO. 8 DID NOT SEE SAVVA FIRING AT ANY TIME.

WITNESS NO. 25 - DEMETRAKIS IOANNIDES, PHOTOREPORTER OF NICOSIA.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE SAW SAVVA AT PASYDY HEADQUARTERS, IN DOWNTOWN NICOSIA, AT 1000 HOURS ON AUG. 19 TAKING PART IN AN ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION. OTHER POLICE WERE WITH HIM. HE DID NOT NOTICE IF SAVVA WAS ARMED. SAVVA WAS IN GREEN MILITARY OVERALLS WITHOUT A CAP. WHEN WITNESS NO. 25 VISITED THE EMBASSY DURING THE DEMONSTRATION HE DID NOT SEE SAVVA, OR ANY OTHER ACCUSED.

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WITNESS NO. 10-INSPECTOR GEORGHIOS CHRISTODOULOU (FIRE BRIGADE)

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID HE HAD KNOW SAVVA FOR A LONG TIME. SAVVA OFTEN VISITED HIS FIRE STATION AFTER AUG. 16, 1974. SAVVA DROVE A POLICE LAND ROVER, USUALLY DRESSED IN A GREEN MILITARY COVERALL, AND CARRIED A CZECH-TYPE AUTOMATIC WEAPON. HE SOMETIMES SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE FIRE STATION. HE CEASED THESE VISITS IN SEPT. 1974. ON AUG. 19 WITNESS NO. 10 DID NOT SEE SAVVA AT THE EMBASSY AREA OR AT THE FIRE STATION.

WITNESS NO. 26- POL. SGT. 2597, ACHILLES STAVROU OF FIRE BRIGADE.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENT TO AUG. 14, DURING THE SECOND TURKISH INVASION, HE OFTEN SAW SAVVA AT THE FIRE STATION. HE DROVE A POLICE LAND ROVER, USUALLY DRESSED IN MILITARY CLOTHES AND CARRIED A KALASHNIKOV AUTOMATIC WEAPON. ON OCCASION HE HAD WITH HIM A CZECH-TYPE WEAPON AND A BROWNING PISTOL AS WELL. SAVVA SPENT THREE OR FOUR NIGHTS AT THE FIRE STATION DURING THIS PERIOD.

WITNESS NO. 23 - ACT. POL. SGT. 1818, CHRISTAKIS KATSIKIDES OF CID.

HE SEARCHED SAVVA'S HOUSE ON JULY 27, 1976, WITH OTHER POLICE. THEY FOUND NOTHING CONCERNING THE CASE. ON THE SAME DATE HE TOOK TWO STATEMENTS FROM SAVVA.

WITNESS NO. 27 - ANDREAS AVGOUSTIS, EX-MAJOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND FORMER LIAISON OFFICER TO CYPOL.

IN HIS SIGNED STATEMENT HE SAID SAVVA WAS UNDER HIS COMMAND DURING AUGUST 1974 AT THE KLIROU POLICE STATION. HE REMEMBERS SAVVA WAS ARMED, BUT FORGETS WITH WHAT TYPE WEAPON. HE DOES NOT REMEMBER WHETHER SAVVA WENT INTO NICOSIA ON THE MORNING OF AUG. 19. HE REMEMBERS HEARING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES' DEATH OVER THE CBC RADIO WHILE IN A POLICE VEHICLE WITH SAVVA. HE DOES NOT
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REMEMBER WHERE THEY WERE GOING OR THE EXACT TIME HE HEARD THE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT.

END SECTION SIX

1. EMBASSY ANALYSIS AND COMMENT:

A. SECTION SIX IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE MACABRE PICTURE OF LEFTIS HURRYING AWAY FROM THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOTS WERE FIRED, AND CIRCLING AROUND TO THE EMBASSY ENTRANCE WHERE HE WATCHED THE MORTALLY WOUNDED AMBASSADOR BEING REMOVED TO A HOSPITAL IN A POLICE LAND ROVER. IF THE PROSECUTION CAN DEVELOP THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INCIDENT, THE CASE AGAINST LEFTIS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED.

B. THE FACT THAT LEFTIS WAS A FRIEND OF GREEK MAJOR EFSTATHIOU SOULIS COULD BE OF MATERIAL IMPORTANCE, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS LINE OF INQUIRY WILL BE PURSUED. SOULIS' NAME SURFACED SHORTLY AFTER THE DAVIES MURDER, OSTENSIBLY SOURCED TO A SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL, AS ONE OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN PLANNING THE VIOLENCE THAT LED TO THE MURDER. THIS LEAD WAS PURSUED WITH CYPOL BY BOTH MARK MULVEY AND PHERSON, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SOULIS WAS AT THE SCENE WITH XENOFONTOS. (LEFTIS' ALIBI, NOW DISCREDITED BY CYPOL, WAS THAT HE HAD ALSO BEEN AT THE SCENE WITH XENOFONTOS.) SOULIS RETURNED TO GREECE IN THE FALL OF 1974.

C. WE THINK IT SIGNIFICANT THAT A RELIABLE WITNESS SAW SAVVA AT THE ANTI-AMERICAN PASYDY DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN NICOSIA ON THE MORNING OF AUG. 19. THIS EVIDENCE MAY SERVE TO BREAK SAVVA'S ALIBI. CYPOL ASST. CMDR. DEMETRIOU HAS TOLD PHERSON HE BELIEVES THE TESTIMONY OF THE DISCREDITED MAJOR AVGOUSTIS, WHO SUPPORTED SAVVA'S ALIBI, CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED.

2. SECTION SEVEN, TO FOLLOW, REVIEWS THE STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST XENOFONTOS, DEMETRIADES AND PROESTOS
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